

SOLE INVENTOR
CONTINUATION IN PART

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, Thomas A. Silvestrini, declare
that I am a citizen of the United States of America
and resident of East Lyme, New London County, Connecticut
that I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of
the invention or discovery in HARD ELASTIC SUTURES.

described and claimed in the annexed specification; that this application in part discloses and claims subject matter disclosed in my earlier filed pending application, Serial No. 635,790 filed July 30, 1984; that, as to the subject matter of this application which is common to said earlier application, I do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States before my invention or discovery thereof or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention or discovery thereof or more than one year prior to said earlier application, or in public use or on sale in the United States more than one year prior to said earlier application; that said common subject matter has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate before the date of said earlier application in any country foreign to the United States on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to said earlier application; and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on said common subject matter has been filed by me or my representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States prior to said earlier application, except as follows:

None

that, as to the subject matter of this application which is not common to said earlier application, I do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States before my invention or discovery thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention or discovery thereof, or more than one year prior to this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States more than one year prior to this application; that insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the filing date of this application; that said non-common subject matter has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate in any country foreign to the United States on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application; and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on said non-common subject matter has been filed by me or my representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States prior to this application, except as follows:

that I acknowledge that I have a duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a); and that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims;

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon;

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And I hereby request that all correspondence in this application be directed to DR. CHARLES J. KNUTH, Pfizer Inc., 235 East 42nd Street, New York, New York 10017.

Wherefore I hereby subscribe my name to the foregoing specification and claims, declaration and power of attorney.

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